

the majority leader is to finish this bill by the July 4 recess. We hope to make great progress and, obviously, we will need to do that in the next 10 days.

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#### PROGRAM

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, tomorrow morning, following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1, the prescription drug benefits bill. We have had a good debate on the issue so far yesterday and today, and a number of Members have come to the floor to speak on the merits of the bill.

Tomorrow, we expect to begin the amending process. Senators who wish to offer amendments are encouraged to contact the chairman or the ranking member of the Finance Committee so they may schedule time for consideration of their amendments.

I also advise our colleagues that roll-call votes are anticipated throughout tomorrow's session. Senators will be notified on when the first vote is scheduled.

In addition, I alert all Senators that votes are expected each day this week. As I indicated a few moments ago, we intend to complete this vital measure before we have the Fourth of July recess.

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#### ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order following the remarks of the senior Senator from Alaska.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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#### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I shall be short under the circumstances because I assume we will have another occasion to speak on the McCain amendment.

Parliamentary inquiry. I am informed it is the pending amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. It is a resolution that was submitted and referred to committee.

Mr. STEVENS. It was referred to committee.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That is correct.

Mr. STEVENS. I was improperly informed, but I would like to speak for a minute or two on that matter.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That is in order. The Senate is in morning business.

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#### AMENDMENT TO RULE XVI OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, everyone should understand the scope of the proposed resolution of the Senator from Arizona. I have before me some books. The books with white covers are requests I received as chairman of the Appropriations Committee on one bill last January, when we talked about the defense portion of what we call the omnibus bill.

The Chair will recall we had 11 bills that had to be put together. This is the portion pertaining just to the foreign assistance subcommittee dealing with matters of foreign assistance. Every one of those pages is a letter from a Member of the Senate asking our committee to change a portion of the appropriations bill for the specific subcommittee received from the administration. The President sends us a budget, and the budget is broken into 13 separate bills. These represent the requests received from Senators to change just 2 of those 11 bills.

Senator McCain's proposal would, in effect, say if any one of these requests were granted, it would be subject to a point of order and it would take 60 votes to allow that amendment to stay in the bill.

In other words, a Senator could make a motion after the Senate or the committee had agreed to one of these requests, and that motion would be to take it out. It would take 60 votes to sustain it. I think the Constitution assures a majority can pass any

amendment. This is a procedure that is unheard of in terms of parliamentary procedure and one I want the Senate to know if it possibly comes up on the floor, I think we shall demonstrate what a good old-fashioned filibuster is all about. I thank the Chair.

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#### AUTOMATIC DEFIBRILLATION IN ADAM'S MEMORY ACT

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent, notwithstanding the previous order, that the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 389 and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 389) to authorize the use of certain grant funds to establish an information clearinghouse that provides information to increase public access to defibrillation in schools.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 389) was read the third time and passed.

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#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I renew the request of the distinguished assistant leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:34 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, June 18, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.